

***THE RISE of  
DICTATORS***

The  
Interwar  
Period  
1919-1939

## Postwar Europe 1919



# The Interwar Period

**WHII.11 The student will demonstrate knowledge of political, economic, social, and cultural developments during the Interwar Period by**

- a. describing the League of Nations and the mandate system;**
- b. citing causes and assessing the impact of worldwide depression in the 1920s;**
- c. Examining events related to the rise, aggression, and human costs of dictatorial regimes in the Soviet Union, Germany, Italy, and Japan, and identifying their major leaders, i.e., Joseph Stalin, Adolf Hitler, Benito Mussolini, Emperor Hirihito, and Hideki Tojo.**

**Q: What would make people want a very strong government?**

**Q: Would people be more likely to support a dictator that promised national greatness in return for absolute power when their country was weak or when their country was already powerful? Why?**

# USSR-Stalin took over when Lenin D.I.E.D

- **D-** Developed five-year plan to rapidly industrialize Soviet Union-make world power
- **I-** Industry and society were controlled by state
- **·** Farms went through collectivization, all land belonged to the state
- **E-** Entrenchment of communism
- **D-** Deaths to millions of Russians who opposed Communists policies (Great Purge)

1. Secret Police(KGB) were created to arrest and murder anyone who might challenge Stalin

2. Millions of peasants, government officials, military officers disappeared





## **Key Term to Understand:**

**Fascist**

**extreme militarism**

**+**

**extreme nationalism**

**(add this definition next to word on front of Hitler card)**

**Q: What is militarism and what is  
nationalism?**

# Mussolini ushered in a New E.R.A

- **E-** Established Italian empire with invasion of Ethiopia-League of Nations could not stop him.
- **R-** Rise of Fascism gained popularity due to Italy's hatred of Treaty of Versailles
- **A-** Ambition to restore the glory of Roman Empire

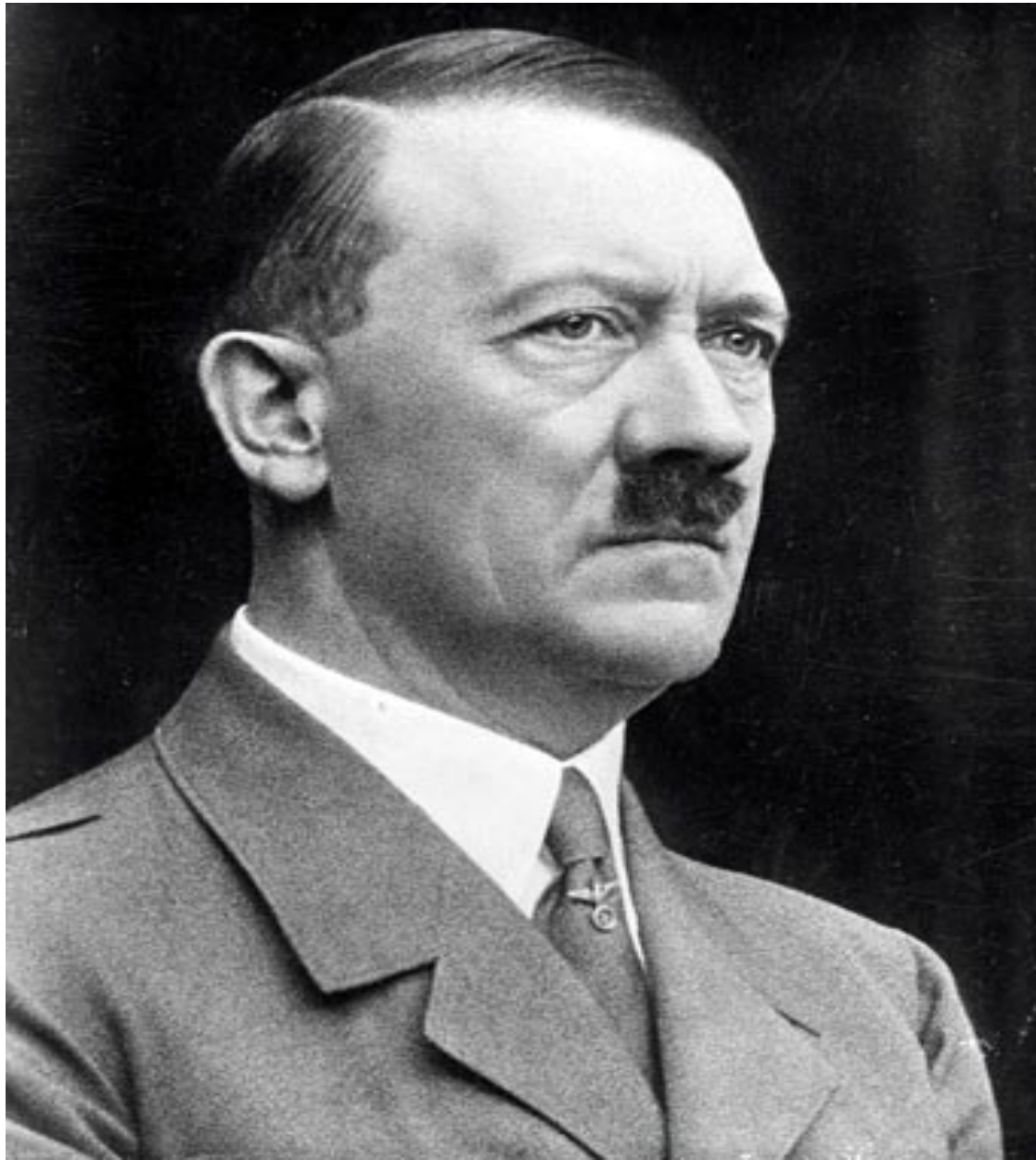




(AP/FILE)

# Hitler's Rise a D.A.N.G.E.R

- **D**- Democratic gov't established in Germany after WWI weakened-Weimar Republic
- **A**- Anti-Semitism spread throughout the country
  - European Jews were blamed for economic collapse
- **N**- Nationalist Socialist's German Workers Party (Nazis) became the dominant party
- **G**- Germany occupied nearby countries
  - Hitler annexed Austria, Czechoslovakia, and invaded Poland
- **E**- Extreme nationalism filled the country
- **R**- Rise of Hitler's popularity came due to desperate economic conditions (Treaty of Versailles)
  - Inflation and depression-nation-wide



# HITLER'S RISE

- His book called “MEIN KAMPF”-plans for Germany
- STALIN and HITLER AGREES TO NOT ATTACK EACH OTHER
- **NON-AGGRESSION PACT**

## **Key Term to Understand:**

**Fascist**

**extreme militarism**

**+**

**extreme nationalism**

**(add this definition next to word on front of Tojo card)**

**Q: What is militarism and what is  
nationalism?**

# Japan was ruled by its M.I.L.I.T.A.R.Y

- **M**- Militarism combined with nationalism created a Fascist Japanese state
- **I**- Industrialization of Japan was higher than ever
- **L**- Led to a drive for new raw materials (oil)
- **I**- Invasion of Korea, Manchuria and the rest of China was successful
- **T**- Tojo (General Hideki Tojo) was real ruler of Japan
- **A**- America cut off(embargo) oil to Japan after their invasion of China
- **R**- Rule of Emperor Hirohito was weak
- **Y**- “Yes” to alliance with Germany & Italy



